

Conflict of Interest Disclosure & Consent to Joint Representation of Spouses

You have contacted this firm, Owens & Owens, about the possibility of retaining our services in preparing estate plans and related documents for both of you. This consent form does not obligate you to a contract for legal services; it simply clarifies certain conditions that will apply to any communications and transactions between us.

We have an ethical obligation to refuse to jointly represent two clients with conflicting interests. Although a conflict does not exist between the two of you now, a conflict could arise in the event that the decisions of one of you regarding your estate plan become adverse to or inconsistent with the decisions of the other. A conflict could also arise if you cannot agree on the disposition of property you jointly own. In the event that a conflict arises, our firm will withdraw from the representation of both of you.

In order for us to adequately represent your interests, we need full and accurate disclosure of information from both of you. Although all information will be kept in the strictest confidence with respect to third parties, we will not be able to keep communications from one of you confidential from the other. In consenting to joint representation, each of you is agreeing that your communications with us will not be kept secret from your spouse.

If, after reading the above disclosure, you still desire joint representation, your signature below indicates that you recognize the potential for conflicts of interest to arise, you understand the confidentiality arrangement outlined above, and you consent to joint representation should an attorney-client relationship arise between us.

You are both encouraged to consult with another attorney should you have any question about the terms or disclosures in this document.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____